

Date: February 19, 2004

To: Redevelopment Agency Board

From: Linda Ivers

Chair Netherton and Members of the Board:

I am unable to attend tonight's special meeting of the Board at which time you will be discussing the Independent Study of Redevelopment. After reading the Draft Scope of Work, I would like to suggest the following items for your consideration and inclusion in the Scope of Work for the Study:

#1-- Bullet 7: Change the item to read "Do case studies of the following projects and project areas" and add

iv. West Long Beach Industrial Project Area

v. Downtown Project Area

#2-- Bullet 6: add

iii. Compare to outreach efforts in other cities looking at project specific outreach as well as on going education/outreach efforts

#3-- Add Bullet 5:

- Use of Master Plans and project prioritization and their effect in the overall success of projects

#10--Add Bullets:

- In cities where merger/expansion has occurred have the financial situations been similar (i.e. the newer project areas having the financial strength rather than the older one)
- Have other cities with merged areas had life of the Project Area PACs
- What has been the impact of merger/expansion on the existing areas and their proposed plans

Add #11 Leveraging of redevelopment funds

- How do other agencies leverage their redevelopment funds?
- Do other cities use the same techniques as Long Beach

Add #12: Have any cities completed and closed out a redevelopment project? An agency?

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To: Johnny_Vallejo@longbeach.gov

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Subject: Fw: Independent Study of Redevelopment - Planning and Redevelopment

After checking the redevelopment independent study website and the draft minutes from the last meeting, I'm either not finding the board initiated discussion concerning planning and redevelopment from the last meeting as well as the need for a performance audit or both are missing. Though I do see reference to the planning document (itself) below.

I understand the concerns for getting into an audit, but I firmly believe an audit will provide a more substantive basis for helping to evaluate how redevelopment should be structured and organized but also what serious and possibly compromising issues may need to be addressed very specifically in the independent study. Without the audit, these facts or concerns may not be addressed, so, in essence the study will be incomplete. I would appreciate this e-mail was posted to the website, as well.

Thank you.

Laurie C. Angel

Dear Mr. Vallejo,

As you may be aware, Mayor O'Neill and the members of the City Council recently established a new commission for the City of Long Beach called the Commission on Youth and Children. We had our first meeting in January, and through our work, will be addressing a broad array of topics which impact the young people in our community including physical and mental health, education, safety and violence, housing, recreation, childcare, the juvenile justice system, after school programs, and job development.

As the Chair of the Commission, I believe that redevelopment has a significant impact upon the youth in our community. I am writing to respectfully request that, as the Redevelopment Agency Board determines the scope of work for the independent study of redevelopment in Long Beach, that strong consideration be given to including a vehicle for input from the youth in our city. Clearly a part of the definition of success for redevelopment in any city would include social success and quality of life issues as applied to young people as well as adult members of the community.

The Commission on Youth and Children could serve as the conduit for this input from youth quite easily. Youth Councils are currently in the process of being established in the various City Council districts throughout the city. These councils will provide youth in all parts of the city with frequent opportunities to provide their input directly to one or more Youth Commission members. The Commission will be hearing reports from these Youth Councils at each of our monthly Commission Meetings, and, as a result, could easily provide the pertinent information to your agency.

It is my hope that you will provide the Redevelopment Agency Board with this recommendation as they deliberate on the direction and scope of the independent study. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Rebecca J. Turrentine
Chair, Commission on Youth and Children